

Measure Encourages Preventative Screenings & Healthy Lifestyle For Women

Washington, DC - In an effort to promote healthy lifestyles for women and encourage preventative screenings, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA), and Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) today introduced a resolution in the House that would express the sense of the Congress in recognition of National Women's Health Week. The House members have introduced the measure the previous two years. U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) and U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) are expected to introduce a companion measure in the Senate next month.

"National Women's Health Week plays an important role in educating women about steps they can take to lead healthier lives. Having Congress formally endorse this initiative is critical to our efforts to increase awareness about this important week," Hinchey said. "I look forward to moving the resolution forward in the House as part of an ongoing commitment to prevent disease and help save the lives of women across the country."

National Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day annually and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations as well as individuals who work to improve awareness of key women's health issues. This year, National Women's Health Week runs from Sunday, May 11 through Saturday, May 17.

The resolution introduced today recognizes the importance of preventing diseases that commonly affect women; calls Americans to use Women's Health Week as an opportunity to learn about health issues that face women; calls on American women to observe Monday, May 12 as National Women's Check-Up Day by receiving preventative screenings from their health care providers; and recognizes the importance of federally-funded programs that provide research and collect data on common diseases in women.